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President's Soapbox

Well, I'm sure that more than one of you enjoyed Jess Gillion's, KF5LUL, presentation at the last meeting. I have heard of over driving LED's before, but Jess has taken it to a high level. Thanks for exposing us to your hobby Jess - BTW Jess collects flashlights and has a good knowledge of their batteries, which are good and bad, preferably the Chinese brands & "knockoffs". I hope that will serve as an example for others to share their own special hobby with the group. If you have any thoughts you can share with the group at one of our meetings, contact Jess, our Vice President, who is in charge of setting up our meeting presentations.

LED's have many other advantages if you follow the technology. I currently have most of my portable emergency lighting using LED's and hope that I can replace all my interior lighting at some point when the economy justifies the switch.

I am also looking forward to viewing the "Thursday Night Youth Net" video. I am sure it was a success. Thanks to all who participated.

Looking forward to Field Day next month. I already have a "sun battery" charged and ready to go. It now has a simple shunt charge controller obtained at last years ham fest to keep the solar cells from overcharging the battery. A fully charged battery of this size (92 amp hours @ 1A) should power a 100 watt rig in light contest mode for at about one day. Keeping it on constant solar charge will extend this somewhat. Seems to be working fine here at home.

Reflecting back on last years Field Day, we have a few "lessons learned". One is that we will need a stepladder about 16 ft long to be able to safely mount the antenna to the tower. If anyone has such a ladder and can loan it to us for the event, let me know. Also, all those working under the antenna should have hard hats. Bring your own if you have one. I will have two extra in case anyone needs one. One of the problems we experienced with three radios operating in close proximity was some front end overload, especially on the lower bands (40 and 80 meters). We plan to move the low band antennas some additional distance from the primary beam antenna. Antenna modeling showed the problem in that the wire antennas were attached directly under the beam and was getting energy coupled from the beam and vice versa. The antenna filters did an admirable job in spite of that and we should be in better shape this year.

Now for another issue: Noise – of the human generated kind. Loud conversations in the vicinity of the ham operators created a difficult situation. Keep any conversations in the radio room to a minimum. We will reserve the right to relocate conversations if it becomes necessary. We will also put the primary radios at a sufficient distance to avoid "cross talk" between operators. Headphones will help and adjusting the microphone gain and talking directly into the microphone will help greatly to minimize problems.

I am encouraged by the member participation in the AARA antenna trailer redesign. We are making some progress and may have some preliminary details to share at the next AARA meeting. See you there.

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

AARA President & Field Day Chairperson

ARRL Field Day

June 28-29, 2014

Amateur Radio's most popular on-air operating event!

At the present time, the AARA Field Day location is still up in the air. It will be announced by e-mail at a later date.

June AARA General Meeting

Thursday June 5, 2014 @ 7:00 PM - Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA. We will be discussing Field Day location and details.

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

June 5, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building
 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA.
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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MAY AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES**May 1, 2014****CLUB MEETING:**

- AARA meeting was called to order by President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD.
- Herman Campbell led the prayer and thanked everyone for all the prayers and concern and help after his surgery. We all prayed for a complete and quick recovery.
- All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Members talked about interesting contacts during the month. Paula Romero KF5CNS now has her own radio, Archie Hill W5AG had some interesting CW contacts, Herman Campbell KN5GRK is working with Dragon Naturally Speaking Software.
- Minutes:** The April minutes were submitted by Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Secretary, and they were posted in the May LARC. On motion by Galen Wilson KF5BET, seconded by Jess Gillian KF5LUL the minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Archie Hill W5AG gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Nick Romero KE5MWX, seconded by Jess Gillian KF5LUL, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Archie W5AG.

Budget 2014-2015: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD presented the recommendations from the Board on a \$0 balance budget. After much discussion on ways to keep AMOS, Archie Hill W5AG volunteered to check into listing AMOS as an antique classification since it is a 1987 vehicle. He will report next month.

On motion by Nick Romero KE5MWX, seconded by Ric Wallace KF5KEL, the Club voted to deactivate AMOS after the insurance expires and use the insurance money to upgrade the antenna trailer (pending the antique vehicle classification).

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD complimented John Martin and Danny Daigle KD5JSM on the great job that was done on the trailer design and construction of the antenna trailer.

On motion by Jess Gillian KF5LUL, seconded by James Williams KF5RBW, the Club voted to redesign and upgrade the trailer.

The antenna trailer will need lock boxes for equipment, electric winch to help lift the antenna, flooring on the trailer, storage tubes for antennas, base pads for stability, storage for battery, grounds, a ladder of sufficient height to help assemble the antenna and tires rated for weight. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD set up a Trailer Team which will include Jess Gillian KF5LUL, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD and Danny Daigle KD5JSM. Additional volunteers to help doing the upgrade are James Williams KF5RBW, Cathy Daigle KD5TJZ, Paula Romero KE5MWX, Derek Meche KF5VZW, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF.

Larry LeBlanc reported that the Yaesu FT990 radio has been fixed and is working at 95%.

New Business Field Day June 28 - 29, 2014: At this time we do not have a definite location for Field Day. We are in need of volunteers to fill the following positions:

Field Day Chairman: Larry LeBlanc

Antenna Planner: Nick Romero

Coordinator for Antenna Set-Up:

James Williams

Coordinator for Antenna Take-Down

Galen Wilson

Support: Food and Drinks: Sandy

LeBlanc, Paula Romero, Cathy Daigle

Radio Usage Planner:

Logging Support: Larry LeBlanc

Volunteers: Galen Wilson, Jess Gillian, Danny Daigle

At the next meeting we will have sign up sheets for times of operating. Operators will need to bring their own headphones. Field Day Contest Log software is N3FJP.

Mark Saltzman may have a computer to donate for Field Day use. Larry LeBlanc donated a computer.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK mentioned that the W5EXI repeater is down and at the factory for repair. Fred Marshall offered the use of his repeater.

Now for the fun part! Jess Gillian KF5LUL gave a very imaginative presentation on his flashlight collection. He had flashlights ranging from \$5 to \$250. Sanyo Panasonic has the longest lasting adaptors. His one comment on batteries was not to buy anything from China or Hong Kong. They are knock-offs. This presentation taught us all a lot and it was great to see Jess' enthusiasm for his collection. Thank you very much, we enjoyed it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF

AARA Secretary 2014-2015

AARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MAY 01, 2014

BOARD MEETING:

- The AARA President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Building on Pat Street.
- The following members were present: Paula Romero KF5CNS, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Archie Hill W5AG, James Williams KF5RBW, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS and Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

New Business: Budget for 2014-2015:

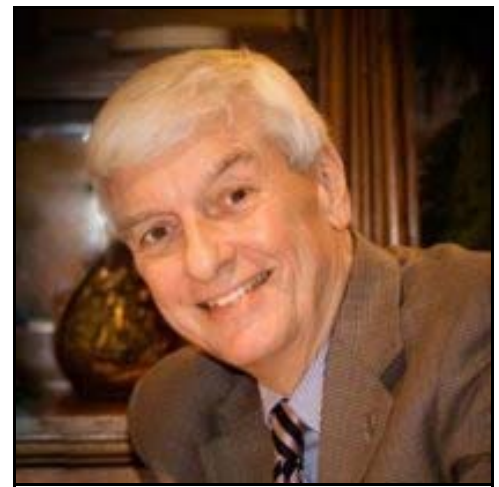
After much discussion on the budget, on motion by Jess Gillion KF5LUL, seconded by Archie Hill W5AG, the decision to have a \$0 based budget was passed.

To achieve the \$0 based budget it will be necessary to de-activate AMOS and upgrade the antenna trailer. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD set up a Trailer Team which will consist of Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Nick Romero KE5MWX and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD.

This proposal was presented to the Club at the 7:00 PM AARA General Meeting.

President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2014



Graham Smith K5MPB Silent Key

Funeral services was held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 11:00 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Lafayette for Graham Newton Smith, 67, who died on Monday, May 26, 2014

Graham Newton Smith was born on January 31, 1947 in Boston Massachusetts. So, who am I? "By training, I'm a tuba player. By experience, I'm a former broadcast journalist, Navy Veteran and one-time novelist. By vocation, I've been the husband of my college sweetheart and closest friend, Donna, for almost 45 years, the father of two grown daughters (Ellen and Sarah) and one grown son (Andrew) and proud father-in-law of Caitlin (Andrew's wife) and Ryan (daughter Sarah's husband), and the grandfather ("Boopa") of five wonderful grandkids with one on the way. I've just about finished the process of retiring after 33 years of practicing law. (It was harder to do than I thought!) By God's grace, I had a totally unexpected encounter with His love back in 1986. Life has never been the same since, for which I am deeply grateful".

Graham was a member of the AARA for quite a number of years, he is the one that wrote our club by-laws. We all will miss Graham and our prayers go out to his family and friends.

Kids Day 2014 is SATURDAY, JUNE 21



Kids Day always runs from 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC. Operate as much or as little as you like.

Dates and Times
2014: Sunday, January 5 & Saturday, June 21

About Kids Day

Twice a year, ARRL offers an event designed to promote Amateur Radio to our youth. Share the excitement with your kids or grandkids, a Scout troop, a church or the general public!

Kids Day is designed to give on-the-air experience to youngsters and hopefully foster interest in getting a license of their own. It is also intended to give older hams a chance to share their station and love for Amateur Radio with their children.

Feature: A Century of Amateur Radio and the ARRL

By 1945, when it became certain that the Allies would win the war, attention turned toward post-war hamming. Articles in QST described modern VFO and transmitter construction, small portable stations, antenna advances, and VHF/UHF equipment and techniques. Everyone was ready to return to "normal," and the League was pushing for that return!

In May 1945, the FCC announced its plan for the Amateur Radio bands when the war was over. Among other things the 2½ and 1¼ meter bands would be shifted to the frequencies they occupy today. In June, the FCC announced that it would delete the 5 meter band and replace it with 6 meters.

The July 1946 QST contained plans for "A Beginner's Two-Stage Transmitter."

And then, the war was over! The documents were signed on August 14, 1945, to formally end hostilities. On August 15, ARRL asked the FCC to re-open the ham bands. The very next day, the FCC announced that the 112 MHz (2½ meter) band would be immediately opened for ham use. Slashing through miles of red tape, the band was opened on August 21.

We were back on the air, even though it was on only one VHF band that would shortly become another!

Other bands were opened to ham operation as quickly as possible, but military communications first had to be moved away from the amateur bands. Making all those military frequency changes was not an easy task, but it was done as quickly as possible. After military circuits had been moved from a given ham band, the FCC would release it for ham use.

The 160 meter band remained closed to hams. During the war, a then-secret navigation system called LORAN (for "Long-Range Aid to Navigation") had been developed and placed in the 1.8 to 2.0 MHz band. After the war it continued to be widely used for maritime navigation. Hams eventually were allowed back on 160 -- at first with reduced power limits but ultimately, after LORAN went away, with normal power limits.

In another change that came with post-war Amateur Radio, the FCC rezoned the 48 states into 10 call areas, rather than the previous 9.

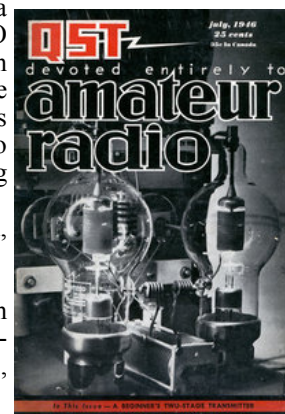
New W0-prefix call signs started showing up on the air.

Those were new licensees. Hams who had been living in the new 10th call area before the war could continue to use their W9-prefix call signs until renewal time, at which time their call signs were switched to the W0-prefix.

By early 1946, 10 meters had been reopened for amateur use, and the ARRL threw a "Band-Warming Party" in February and March 1946. The Band-Warming Party was a worldwide QSO party, with both CW and phone operation. It was a nice way to celebrate being back on the air!

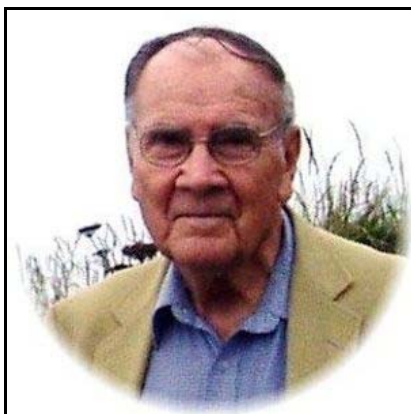
Al Brogdon, W1AB

(Reprinted from The ARRL Letter for April 17, 2014)



The July 1946 QST contained plans for "A Beginner's Two-Stage Transmitter."

Jacob Russell "Rick" Webb WA5PCE - Silent Key



Jacob Russell "Rick" Webb died on May 1, 2014 in Hammond, Louisiana. Born in Ponchatoula, Louisiana on January 19, 1922 he was 92 years of age. He was the son of Burton Scarborough and Julia Mixon Webb of Watson, Louisiana.

While leaving home at age 16 to join the Civil Conservation Corps working in Oregon and Washington, he set his life course in radio broadcasting by studying at Gallops Island, Boston, Massachusetts for the Merchant Marines to earn his Radio Telegraph license. He gained wartime Veterans Status as a shipboard radio operator on Sun Oil Company tanker ships in the western Atlantic and the Southern Pacific Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico. Rick was a Charter Member of SouthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (SELARC) and had a lifetime career in radio, beginning as a Merchant Marine shipboard radio operator in WWII, aircraft radio operator for Pan American Airlines and then 40 years in broadcasting on the Northshore. (The family has made a donation to SELARC of Rick's ham station equipment).

It was on one of his trips home that he met and soon married a young New Jersey woman, Barbara "Buzzy" Deak. After the war, he flew with Pan American Airlines in the Caribbean and Central and South America as radio operator. His broadcast career of 40 years began first at WIHL in Hammond and then the newer radio station WARB in Covington where he was a fixture until the middle 1980's.

After retirement, he and Buzzy made a new career selling homemade jams and jellies featuring Mayhaws, growing most of the fruits on his farm and selling at the Covington Farmers' Market. Throughout his life he enjoyed farming, raising cattle and horses, ham radio, travelling, hunting and fishing. He is survived by his children Barbara W. Dantone (Danny), Russell A. Webb (Priscilla), and J. Rick Webb (Susan); 8 grandchildren, Mitchell, Curtis, Michael, Carolyn, Sarah, Russell, Matthew and Anna; 14 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Barbara "Buzzy" Webb; daughters Ann Marie Webb and Sandra W. Goodwin; sisters L. Lianne W. Wilson, Lillian W. Crane, Vivian W. Hollis, Sallie W. Johnson and Julia W. Barnes; and brothers Thomas C. Webb and James S. Webb.

MAY 2014 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	29	Ø	70	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	56	1	118	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	26	Ø	67	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	25	3	77	N5LRZ Ray
Youth Thursday Night Net	4	49	1	89	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

— Oscar Wilde

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the June 2014 schedule.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
June 2	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5
June 9	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
June 16	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
June 23	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5
June 30	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The June 2014 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

[http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday net.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday%20net.pdf)

Notice: On the January 13th, 2014 Monday Night Net, Mark made a offer that goes like this:

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2014 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and they will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.

AARA Technician Contest

Back on September 1, 2011 a contest was enacted to give our Technicians a little challenge. Contacts can be made with any class license operators on 2 meter & 440 repeaters, simplex, IRLP, or EchoLink. Use "Honor System", no QSL cards needed to be exchanged. Use last letter in suffix of call. Complete alphabet A-Z. Submit log to Herman KN5GRK a nice certificate is available to those completing their logs. So far, Paula Romero KF5CNU is the only one to turn in a completed log.

A log can be downloaded at:

[http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/contest log.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/contest%20log.pdf)

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

6/05	KE5RPI	KAREN
6/07	K5VXX	JOE
6/11	KE5KJF	SANDY
7/1	K5UA	CHARLES
72	W5KNC	EUGENE

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

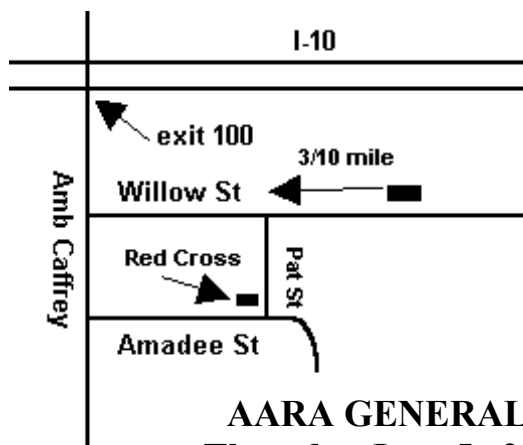


JUNE 15

HINT – A NEW RADIO

Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.
P. O. Box 51174
Lafayette, LA 70505-1174

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>



Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday June 5, 2014 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
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Creole Shrimp and Rice

Robin Bashinsky, Cooking Light

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| 1 (3 1/2-ounce) bag boil-in-bag long-grain rice | 1/2 cup chopped celery |
| 4 teaspoons canola oil, divided | 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme |
| 3/4 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined | 4 garlic cloves, minced |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons Creole seasoning (such as Tony Chachere's) | 1 cup 1% low-fat milk |
| 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper | 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 2 cups cherry tomatoes, quartered |
| 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper | 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper |
| | 2 tablespoons minced fresh chives |

Preparation

1. Cook rice according to package directions, omitting salt and fat.
 2. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 teaspoons oil to pan; swirl to coat. Sprinkle shrimp evenly with Creole seasoning and red pepper. Add shrimp to pan; sauté 3 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally. Remove from pan.
 3. Add remaining 2 teaspoons oil to pan; swirl to coat. Add onion and next 4 ingredients (through garlic) to pan; sauté 5 minutes. Combine milk and flour in a small bowl, stirring with a whisk. Add milk mixture to pan; bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium; cook 3 minutes or until slightly thickened. Add tomatoes and black pepper to pan; cook 2 minutes or until tomatoes are tender. Stir in shrimp; sprinkle with chives. Serve with rice.
- Yield: Serves 4 (serving size: 1 3/4 cups shrimp mixture and 1/2 cup rice)



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245